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It is respectfully noted that U.S. Patent 4,802,420 to Butcher and Khattab is owned by the assignee in the present application, National Steel Car Limited, and was co-owned at the time of the present invention. It is further respectfully noted that Canadian Patent 1,265,388 to Butcher and Khattab is a Canadian patent based upon US priority established under the same application which resulted in the Butcher '420 U.S. patent cited

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